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SENATE

TUESDAY, July 2, 2024

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, ROB GREEN, Senate Reading Clerk and Director of the Senate Page Room, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, I pray we come together as a people. I pray we can get to a place where we appreciate each other for who we are and the positive light we bring to the world. I pray that we do not allow our differences to hinder the relationships we have built thus far. However it is as individuals we come to this place, I pray we can meet together in good faith, with good intentions, and share in good fellowship. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Mr. Green.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Mastriano.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Cappelletti, Senator Collett, Senator Muth, Senator Saval, Senator Schwank, and Senator Lindsey Williams, and legislative leaves for Senator Flynn and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Mastriano.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Cappelletti, Senator Collett, Senator Muth, Senator Saval, Senator Schwank, and Senator Lindsey Williams, and legislative leaves for Senator Flynn and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 1255 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1255 (Pr. No. 1790) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1255 (Pr. No. 1790) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 31, 2018 (P.L. 123, No.25), known as the Outpatient Psychiatric Oversight Act, further providing for definitions.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1255 be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PITTMAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The bill is rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Flynn has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Kearney.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Kearney. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

HB 816 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 816 (Pr. No. 2732) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 816 (Pr. No. 2732) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 25 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 25 (Pr. No. 1797) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 6 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 25 (Pr. No. 1797) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for the Rural Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Health Care Access Program.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1466 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 1466 (Pr. No. 1650) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 9 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1466 (Pr. No. 1650) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for a cause of action on protected public expression and for immunity for protected public expression; and imposing a duty upon the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1716 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 1716 (Pr. No. 2230) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 9 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1716 (Pr. No. 2230) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in entities generally, further providing for requirements for names generally and providing for registration of name of domestic nonfiling association; in entity transactions, further providing for nature of transactions and for approval by limited liability company; in foreign associations, further providing for foreign registration statement; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for certain specifically authorized debt terms; in officers, directors and shareholders, further providing for derivative action; in foreign business corporations, further providing for application of article; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for certain specifically authorized debt terms; in officers, directors and members, further providing for derivative action; in general partnerships, further providing for contents of partnership agreement; in limited partnerships, further providing for contents of partnership agreement and for derivative action; and, in limited liability companies, further providing for contents of operating agreement and for derivative action.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1820 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 1820 (Pr. No. 2446) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 10 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1820 (Pr. No. 2446) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions, for practice without license prohibited, for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses, for requirements of a school of cosmetology, for practice in licensed salons only, for booth rental prohibited, for fees, for applicability, for duration and renewal of licenses and for penalties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2200 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 2200 (Pr. No. 2889) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 10 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2200 (Pr. No. 2889) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for criminal history background checks.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Senate Republican caucus, which will be held immediately in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Cappelletti, Senator Muth, Senator Saval, Senator Lindsey Williams, Senator Collett, Senator Schwank, Senator Hughes, and Senator Kearney have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Gebhard and Senator Pennycuick.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Gebhard and Senator Pennycuick. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 67 (Pr. No. 1686) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission; in game or wildlife protection, further providing for report to commission officer and for surrender of carcass to commission officer; in hunting and furtaking, repealing provisions relating to hunting on Sunday prohibited, providing for hunting on Sunday and further providing for the offense of trespass on private property while hunting and for hunting on Sunday without written permission; and, in special licenses and permits, providing for agriculture access permit list.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

ROTHMAN AMENDMENT A5382 ADOPTED

Senator ROTHMAN offered the following amendment No. A5382:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 16 through 18, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 301(a) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by inserting a bracket before "THE"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by inserting after "COMPOSITION.--THE":

] Subject to subsection (b.1), the

Amend Bill, page 1, line 22, by striking out the bracket before "NINE"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 22, by striking out "] 10"

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(b.1) Additional consideration.--The Governor shall ensure that at least one member of the commission represents the interest of agricultural commodities that pertain to normal agricultural operations and wildlife.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 16 through 18, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, this amendment removes the proposed tenth seat on the Pennsylvania Game Commission Board and will keep it at the current status of nine. However, one of those members must have a background in agricultural operations. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator ROTHMAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-44

Argall	Costa	Langerholc	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Santarsiero
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Saval
Bartolotta	Farry	Mastriano	Schwank
Boscola	Flynn	Miller	Stefano
Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Street
Brown	Gebhard	Pennycuik	Tartaglione
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Collett	Kane	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kearney	Robinson	Yaw

NAY-6

Brooks	Dush	Vogel	Williams, Lindsey
Culver	Hutchinson		

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 327 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Regan has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 365 (Pr. No. 975) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in liability and compensation, providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

SB 365 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 365, Printer's No. 975, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 366, SB 698, SB 766, SB 795 and SB 812 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 829 (Pr. No. 3426) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania liquor stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania liquor stores; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for interlocking business prohibited and for relating to liquor and alcohol (not including manufacturers), for extension of licensed service area and issuance of off-premises catering permits, for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for interlocking business prohibited relating to malt and brewed beverages (including manufacturers) and for Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board, repealing provisions relating to surrender of club licenses for benefit of licensees and further providing for surrender of restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor license for benefit of licensee, for Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program Board, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, for hours of operation relative to manufacturers, importing distributors and distributors, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees and for premises to be vacated by patrons; and, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited distilleries and distilleries and providing for Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to support House Bill No. 829 and the various improvements it makes to our Liquor Code. There is one specific provision that I would like to draw attention to: this bill includes a change that makes it easier for our restaurants and taverns to offer outdoor seating. These provisions were first installed during COVID-19 as restaurants were forced to find creative ways to serve customers outdoors. These outdoor extension areas were a lifeline for establishments both in the Lehigh Valley and across our Commonwealth during COVID-19. Restaurants found that these extensions were popular with customers and helped with their bottom line. This bill makes sure that they are now here to stay.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-47

Argall	Culver	Langerholz	Saval
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Schwank
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Bartolotta	Dush	Miller	Street
Boscola	Farry	Muth	Tartaglione
Brewster	Flynn	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brooks	Fontana	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brown	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Haywood	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hughes	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney	Santarsiero	

NAY-3

Coleman	Hutchinson	Mastriano
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A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 976, HB 1032 and SB 1058 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1080 (Pr. No. 1396) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in death and fetal death registration, providing for pronouncement of death by a practical nurse.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator Culver.

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, I rise today on Senate Bill No. 1080, which would allow licensed practical nurses working in hospice settings to make death pronouncements. LPNs provide hands-on care for hospice patients and other compassionate and essential supports and services to patients and their families. The Vital Statistics Law of 1953 currently limits the ability to pronounce death to professional nurses, medical doctors, physician assistants, and coroners. This law has not been changed in over 70 years. While hospice facilities across the Commonwealth face workforce shortages, they are forced to allocate their finite resources to provide the best care possible for their patients. This can lead to delayed death pronouncements in hospice settings. LPNs working in these settings could alleviate wait times for performing death pronouncements and making other medical staff more available. I would ask that my colleagues join me in an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1080.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerholz	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1087 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1129 (Pr. No. 1718) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer to vehicle salvage dealer and for transfer to scrap metal processor; and, in abandoned vehicles and cargos, further providing for reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles.

Considered the third time and agreed to, And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cappelletti, Coleman, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Culver, Dillon, DiSanto, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kane, Kearney, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Muth, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Rothman, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw.

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1160 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gebhard and Senator Pennycuick have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1177 (Pr. No. 1550) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, further providing for State Unemployment Compensation Advisory Counsel.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Kane.

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1177, which has the potential to distort the true picture of unemployment in our Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania State Building [and Construction] Trades [Council] and the Shapiro Administration oppose this bill. They oppose this bill because they worry this report, which compares apples with oranges, will be used to making working people's lives more difficult. Further, they oppose this bill because the current report from our State Unemployment Advisory Council is based on individuals who file claims and receive benefits. This bill would require us to mix in data from a broader monthly survey of individuals from across the State, some of whom might not be working, but are also not receiving unemployment benefits. This is actually not just an apples-to-oranges comparison, but a receipt [sic] for confusion and misinterpretation. Why, Mr. President, would we want that? Why do we want to make the lives of Pennsylvanians, who are actually struggling, even more difficult? Our Unemployment Compensation system is designed to give people the helping hand they need to get back on their feet. It is time we start making this work, rather than working against it. Mr. President, the bottom line is that mixing apples and oranges is just bananas. And that is coming from a guy who actually been on unemployment before. I am asking for a "no" vote on Senate Bill No. 1177.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important piece of legislation. Senate Bill No. 1177 would require the Department of Labor and Industry to include data in their annual Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation program report to the Governor and the General Assembly. Currently, there is not any language that specifies the types of statistics that the Department of Labor and Industry must include in their report. As a result, the department only compiles data for those who are unemployed and actively seeking employment. This legislation would factor in specific U-6 unemployment statistics that consider additional groups of people, such as those who are able to work, but not looking for work. I too have been on unemployment, and I know that there are people who are not on or seeking unemployment compensation. But, for the benefit of the General Assembly in making policy decisions about our employment situation here in the Commonwealth, it is imperative that we have transparent and full information. There is nothing in Senate Bill No. 1177 that would prohibit the Department of Labor [and Industry] from also breaking it down into a U-3, as well as the U-6 unemployment statistics. The Department of Labor and Industry would also be responsible for making this report publicly available on their website.

Senate Bill No. 1177 further defines these measures to ensure that they are calculated within the Federal standards. This data is already being collected by the Federal government. Most importantly, adding these statistics to the official annual report will allow us to more accurately monitor how they change from year to year across all different variables, because we are responsible for serving the people in all of those variables. It will also help those in the media to get accurate information out to the franchise owners of this Commonwealth. Recently advanced by both the Committee on Labor and Industry and the Committee on Appropriations, I ask for another affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1177, which is intended to streamline the collection of more useful information and bring about greater transparency for the administration of Pennsylvania's Unemployment Compensation program, as well as other social programs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-28

Argall	Culver	Laughlin	Robinson
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Rothman
Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Bartolotta	Farry	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brooks	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brown	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Langerholc	Regan	Yaw

NAY-22

Boscola	Dillon	Kearney	Schwank
Brewster	Flynn	Miller	Street
Cappelletti	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Collett	Haywood	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Hughes	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Kane		

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL RECOMMITTED

HB 1201 (Pr. No. 3394) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for consumer data privacy, for duties of controllers and for duties of processors; and imposing penalties.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Communications and Technology.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1207 (Pr. No. 1771) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school safety and security, establishing the Cell Phone Lockable Bag Pilot Program.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

AUMENT AMENDMENT A5264 ADOPTED

Senator AUMENT offered the following amendment No. A5264:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 6, by striking out "employs the use of" and inserting:

requires students to use

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out the period after "bags" and inserting:

provided that nothing in the policy shall prohibit a school employee from using a cell phone during school time to perform the employee's work.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 20, by inserting after "COMMITTEE":

and shall include this report in the school safety annual report required under section 1302.1-B(7)

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator AUMENT and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1232, SB 1269 and HB 1619 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1664 (Pr. No. 3392) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for payment choice and for electronic notice of insurance practices; and imposing penalties.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

DiSANTO AMENDMENT A5225 ADOPTED

Senator DiSANTO offered the following amendment No. A5225:

Amend Bill, page 20, line 19, by striking out "OR A SELF-INSURED PLAN NOT SUBJECT TO ERISA"

Amend Bill, page 20, line 20, by striking out "'HEALTH INSURER.'" and inserting:

"Insurer."

Amend Bill, page 21, line 8, by inserting after "INSURER": or deliver in a manner

Amend Bill, page 23, line 6, by striking out "A" and inserting: the

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator DiSANTO and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cappelletti, Coleman, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Culver, Dillon, DiSanto, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kane, Kearney, Langerhole, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Muth, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Rothman, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Williams, Lindsey, Yaw

NAY-1

Williams, Anthony H.

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1889, HB 2161 and HB 2182 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2301 (Pr. No. 3405) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces Medal, providing for special plates for recipients of Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, further providing for Distracted Driving Awareness plate, for special motorcycle plates related to veterans and for special plates for veterans and providing for special plates for recipients of Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal; and, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

Considered the third time and agreed to, And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cappelletti, Coleman, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Culver, Dillon, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kane, Kearney, Langerhole, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Muth, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Rothman, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw

NAY-1

DiSanto

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 115 (Pr. No. 958) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, further providing for payments to family and funeral directors.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
 Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice
 vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on
 Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 117 and SB 349 -- Without objection, the bills were passed
 over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

HB 416 (Pr. No. 2929) -- The Senate proceeded to considera-
 tion of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylva-
 nia Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of
 stalking.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
 Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice
 vote, the bill just considered was recommitted to the Committee
 on Judiciary.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 491 (Pr. No. 3380) -- The Senate proceeded to considera-
 tion of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
 Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, further
 providing for energy efficiency and conservation program.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
 Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice
 vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on
 Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 580, HB 897, SB 988, SB 1026, SB 1118, SB 1171, SB
 1208, SB 1230, SB 1242, SB 1251, SB 1271 and SB 1274** --
 Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the
 request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

HB 1338 (Pr. No. 1614) -- The Senate proceeded to considera-
 tion of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consoli-
 dated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehi-
 cles, further providing for the offense of off-road vehicles in urban mu-
 nicipalities.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
 Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice
 vote, the bill just considered was recommitted to the Committee
 on Transportation.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1553 (Pr. No. 2761) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
 ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
 as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of
 school directors, providing for suicide prevention hotline telephone num-
 ber on student identification card; and, in school safety and security, fur-
 ther providing for school safety and security coordinator.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
 Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice
 vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on
 Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1700 (Pr. No. 2231) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
 ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylva-
 nia Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for endangerment
 of public safety official.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2266 (Pr. No. 3438) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
 ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consoli-
 dated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for racing
 on highways; in enforcement, further providing for disposition of im-
 pounded vehicles, combinations and loads; in penalties and disposition
 of fines, further providing for subsequent convictions of certain offenses;
 imposing penalties; and making editorial changes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
 Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
 Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice
 vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on
 Appropriations.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will briefly be at ease.
 [The Senate was at ease.]

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Com-
 mittee on Appropriations to consider an additional bill during the

committee's off-the-floor meeting in the Rules room during Session today. The committee will meet to consider Senate Bill No. 25, Senate Bill No. 67, Senate Bill No. 219, and House Bill No. 816, House Bill No. 1086, House Bill No. 1446, [House Bill No. 1466--not read], House Bill No. 1716, House Bill No. 1820, House Bill No. 1853, House Bill No. 2200 and House Bill No. 2233.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, both of which will be held immediately in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Coleman.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Coleman. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 25 (Pr. No. 1797) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for the Rural Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Health Care Access Program.

SB 67 (Pr. No. 1802) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission; in game or wildlife protection, further providing for report to commission officer and for surrender of carcass to commission officer; in hunting and furtaking, repealing provisions relating to hunting on Sunday prohibited, providing for hunting on Sunday and further providing for the offense of trespass on private property while hunting and for hunting on Sunday without written permission; and, in special licenses and permits, providing for agriculture access permit list.

SB 219 (Pr. No. 188) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 13, 1988 (P.L.1190, No.146), known as the First and Second Class County Property Tax Relief Act,

further providing for short title, for definitions, for deferral or exemption authority and for retroactive application.

HB 816 (Pr. No. 2732) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

HB 1446 (Pr. No. 2726) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, providing for eligibility related to domestic violence.

HB 1466 (Pr. No. 1650) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for a cause of action on protected public expression and for immunity for protected public expression; and imposing a duty upon the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

HB 1716 (Pr. No. 2230) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in entities generally, further providing for requirements for names generally and providing for registration of name of domestic nonfiling association; in entity transactions, further providing for nature of transactions and for approval by limited liability company; in foreign associations, further providing for foreign registration statement; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for certain specifically authorized debt terms; in officers, directors and shareholders, further providing for derivative action; in foreign business corporations, further providing for application of article; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for certain specifically authorized debt terms; in officers, directors and members, further providing for derivative action; in general partnerships, further providing for contents of partnership agreement; in limited partnerships, further providing for contents of partnership agreement and for derivative action; and, in limited liability companies, further providing for contents of operating agreement and for derivative action.

HB 1820 (Pr. No. 2446) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions, for practice without license prohibited, for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses, for requirements of a school of cosmetology, for practice in licensed salons only, for booth rental prohibited, for fees, for applicability, for duration and renewal of licenses and for penalties.

HB 1853 (Pr. No. 2921) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for administration.

HB 2200 (Pr. No. 2889) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for criminal history background checks.

HB 2233 (Pr. No. 3164) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for accident scene clearance.

Senator PITTMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bills:

SB 1173 (Pr. No. 1782) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; in application of the act and penalties, further providing for exclusions; and, in duties of licensees, providing for right to cancel sales agreements or sales contracts for wholesale transactions.

HB 613 (Pr. No. 3479) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for funding for certain State-aided universities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for a certain State-aided university for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for costs basis, for frequency of payments and for recordkeeping requirements; imposing a duty on the Auditor General; providing for financial statements, for the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund and for restrictions; and making appropriations.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1173 (Pr. No. 1782) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; in application of the act and penalties, further providing for exclusions; and, in duties of licensees, providing for right to cancel sales agreements or sales contracts for wholesale transactions.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1173?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1173.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, the House has helped to clarify an important distinction in this important legislation dealing with the wholesaling of real estate. In the original bill, residential property, which is what this applies to, is defined as real property located within the Commonwealth that consists of not less than one and not more than four residential dwelling units. The House amendment clarifies that this does not have to do with

the ordinary business of developing real estate or commercial transactions or large transactions of vacant pieces of land, which often developers may assign to builders or sell to another developer during the process of approvals or post approvals. So, I urge my colleagues to vote for this concurrence. I thank the good gentleman from Fayette and the gentleman from the House of Representatives from Somerset for this bill and this important legislation and urge a "yes" vote.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Argall	Dillon	Langerholz	Santarsiero
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	Dush	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Farry	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Flynn	Miller	Street
Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Gebhard	Pennycuik	Vogel
Brown	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Kearney	Rothman	Yaw
Culver			

NAY-1

Coleman

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 816 (Pr. No. 2732) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerholz	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street

Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

HB 2233 (Pr. No. 3164) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for accident scene clearance.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerholz	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator AUMENT, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

May 17, 2024

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kristen Koppenhafer (District 1), 35 Arlington Drive, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the nomination just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nomination will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator AUMENT,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

May 17, 2024

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kristen Koppenhafer (District 1), 35 Arlington Drive, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerholz	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval

Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

**SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1280)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1000; and House Bill No. 1086)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider House Bills No. 850, 1633 and 2084)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 82, 916, 1000 and 1144)	Rules Committee Conference Room

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on combatting antisemitism on Pennsylvania college campuses)	Hearing Room 1 North Office
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SENATE AT EASE

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will briefly be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

**RECONSIDERATION OF
EXECUTIVE NOMINATION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator AUMENT,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate reconsider the vote by which the nomination of Kristen Koppenhafer, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, was just confirmed.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?
It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-43

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Saval
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Schwank
Bartolotta	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Mastriano	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Miller	Tartaglione
Brown	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Cappelletti	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Haywood	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hughes	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney	Santarsiero	

NAY-7

Baker	Dush	Pennycuick	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hutchinson	Phillips-Hill	

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(Continued)**

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,568 days since this Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Just yesterday, Mr. President, cities and States across the country did what we have failed to do for almost 18 years: they raised their minimum wages. And as we see States and cities across America taking the bold step to raise their minimum wages, I am left with a question,

Mr. President: why can we not do it in Pennsylvania? From Washington, DC, to Nevada, Oregon, and cities and counties all over the country, workers are receiving a much-needed increase in their pay that reflects the rising cost of living and the value of their hard work.

Mr. President, in Washington, DC, the minimum wage has been raised to \$17.50 per hour; Nevada has raised theirs to \$12 per hour; and Oregon has implemented a region-specific approach which recognizes the diverse economic landscape and needs across their State. On top of States raising their minimum wage, Mr. President, California cities like Berkeley at \$18.67, and Emeryville at \$19.36. And even industry-specific minimum wages are being implemented in Los Angeles, with hotel workers' minimum wages rising to \$20.32 per hour. Local leaders in Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, and Washington have also stepped up and raised their minimum wages to a level that more than accurately reflects the cost of living in their specific communities. Yet, here in Pennsylvania, we still cannot come together and pass minimum wage legislation. But to add insult to injury, Mr. President, local preemption laws are prohibiting cities, municipalities, and counties from setting their own minimum wages. This ban prevents local governments, who understand their communities' needs best, from enacting policies to uplift their residents.

Mr. President, we have seen how higher wages lead to reduced poverty rates, improved health outcomes, and stronger local economies. Our Commonwealth cannot afford to continue to fall behind. It is time for us to join the nationwide movement and raise our minimum wage. Let us come together and pass Senate Bill No. 1186, my legislation that would put our Commonwealth on a path to a livable wage.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today in support of my resolution recognizing Plastic Free July in Pennsylvania. This week, we also celebrate International Plastic Bag Free Day. The proliferation of plastics, especially single-use plastics, in nearly every facet of our lives, is a major concern for environmental health and public health. According to estimates, every minute worldwide, 1 million plastic bottles are purchased, and more than 9.5 million plastic bags are used. In total, half of all plastic produced is designed for single-use purpose. Meanwhile, we know that plastic waste can take anywhere from 20 to 500 years to decompose. Unfortunately, the majority of our plastic waste ends up polluting our landfills, rivers, and oceans, putting the health and safety of humans and wildlife at risk.

Plastic Free July is an opportunity to limit and reduce our plastic waste. Over the last 5 years, participants have collectively avoided 10 billion kilograms of waste, including 1.4 billion kilograms of plastic. Small changes can lead to daily habits, and together we can make a big impact. More than 30 communities across the Commonwealth have passed laws eliminating one or more type of single-use plastics. In the 19th Senatorial District, which I am proud to represent, that includes West Chester Borough, West Goshen Township, Easttown Township, and Tredyffrin Township. Every year, around 400 million tons of plastic is produced globally. It is a cheap momentary convenience that has serious and long-lasting impacts. Please join me in recognizing a Plastic Free July in Pennsylvania, as we all take steps

individually and collectively to roll back our plastic use and waste. Thank you.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 1173, HB 1477 and HB 2096.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 10 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.